



BIRCH BRIEF

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THE BIRCH ROCK CAMP COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Birch Rock Camp would like to pay tribute to Carol Brewster, a valued member, mother and trustee of our community for over 60 years. Our hearts and thoughts are with Carol's children: Seth and Toby and their families, as they share her life story in this Birch Brief.



CAROL W. BREWSTER 1931-2013

Carol W. Brewster, 81, of Manchester, Maine, died on January 15, 2013 at the Maine General Hospital in Augusta after a brief illness. Carol was born on March 26, 1931 in Port Chester, New York as the oldest of three children to Kenneth and Beatrice Whitham. In 1948, she graduated from Port Chester High School and Middlebury College, receiving her BA in American Literature in 1952; through college, Carol waited on tables to help pay her college expenses. It was at Middlebury where Carol developed her lifelong love of alpine skiing.

After Middlebury, Carol became a copy editor for The Christian Science Monitor in Boston, and lived with Middlebury friends in Cambridge. In October 1953, she met Seward "Pat" Brewster, a second-year law student at Harvard Law School, at a Halloween party. On June 11, 1955, Carol and Pat were married, and they moved to Worcester, Massachusetts to start their life together and where they had three sons.

In 1961, Carol and her family moved to Manchester, Maine so Pat could eventually become General Counsel for Central Maine Power, and they could raise their sons in a 19th century farmhouse on the shores of Cobbosseecontee Lake. There, as Carol has said, she "tended to children, assorted pets [including dogs, cats, sheep, ducks, fish, turtles, hamsters, mice, parakeets, and a very loud parrot], and an organic vegetable garden, adding peace and justice and environmental concerns to the mix."

Carol loved writing and the written word. Some of the publications for which she was an editor included The Maine Land Advocate (for the Maine Community Land Trust), Maine Environment (for the Natural Resources Council of Maine), the University of Maine at Augusta Senior College newsletter, and the Middlebury Class of '52 newsletter, to name a few. Carol also was a substitute teacher, and taught fourth grade in the Readfield elementary school in 1969-1970.

Carol was an artist. A master gardener, Carol's gardens at her Manchester home were gorgeous. She sang in choral groups, including CODA Chorus, and she sang and acted in local theater productions. She was a poet, an author of short stories, and one of her most cherished memories was her conversation about writing with poet Robert Frost.

Carol was a founder of the University of Maine at Augusta Senior College and served on its board of directors for ten years. For the past thirty years, she was a trustee for Birch Rock Camp, a summer boys' camp in Waterford, Maine. Carol volunteered for Viles Arboretum and the Bowdoin College Museum of Art, was a member of Prime Time, an over-50 ski group, and a long-time member of the First Church Christ, Scientist, in Augusta.



Carol with her Grandchildren: Tory and Seth @ Family Camp 2010

Carol was predeceased by her husband Pat in 2003 and her son Benjamin in 1985. She is survived by her son Seth, of South Portland, son Toby and his wife Becca, of Concord, New Hampshire, and her seven grandchildren: Ben, Will, Hannah, Eli, Peter, Tory, and Seth. Carol also is survived by her sister Joyce and her husband Charles, of Lakewood, Colorado, and her brother Ken and his wife Judy, of Alamo, California, and her nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1 pm on Saturday, February 9 at the Viles Arboretum (153 Hospital Street, Augusta, ME 04330). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Viles Arboretum, the Birch Rock Camp Scholarship Fund (30 Bellevue Ave South Portland, ME 04106), or the Bowdoin College Museum of Art (9400 College Station, Brunswick, ME 04011).

The Birch Rock Community & You!



There are a number of new initiatives and communication tools that our marketing crew have been working on this past fall and winter, and we would appreciate your help and support in sharing our motto: **Help The Other Fellow** with others. So here we go:

www.birchrock.org Please take a few moments to view and browse our new updated site and share with a friend and/or family. BRC has a new promotional video complimented by our archival videos of yesteryear. We appreciate your support in being our Birch Rock Camp Ambassador-at-large.



www.facebook.com/birchrock Reaching out to generations of Birch Rockers- past & present - requires our community to have various communication venues. Please join our facebook page and like us too.



[BRC App is available from I Tunes.](#) The Birch Rock Camp App allows any iPhone or iPad user to keep up to date with comings and goings at One of the Best Maine Summer Camps - Birch Rock Camp.

CampMinder **[Connect to BRC – Alumni Login.](#)** If you are Not presently a camper or staff member, BRC wants to connect with you. Please register your contact information www.birchrock.org/alumni and log in. Our new enhanced alumni network will now allow Birch Rockers past connect with others with your permission. Please join the extraordinary network of BRC alumni from around the globe.

There are a number of exciting programs for the 2013 season at Birch Rock and we hope you may have the perfect candidate for the following:

Cubs Camp I	June 23 – July 7	13 days (ages 7 to 12)
Cubs Camp III	July 21 – August 3	13 days (ages 7 to 12)
Second Session	July 21-August 10	20 days (ages 7 to 15)
FAMILY CAMP	August 16 to August 20	2 to 4 days (all ages)

For more information: www.birchrock.org or 207 741-2930

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